



**ALL CHILDREN ACHIEVE COMMITTEE**

Executive Summary  
June 9, 2005

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- c. School Traffic Safety Discussion (Department of Transportation/Police Department)

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- a) **Provide information for the June 14 Council meeting on 1) where are the crossing guards located now; and 2) how many locations did we fund versus how many will need to be funded for the coming year;**
- b) **Submit an Information Memo to the Mayor and Council**
- c) **Return to the Committee in August with updated information on school crossing guards, based on the Mayor's June budget message.**

- d. Oral Petitions

- e. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Ken Yeager, Chair  
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Meeting Report  
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PRESENT: Chair Ken Yeager, Vice-Chair Chirco, Council Member Nancy Pyle

STAFF: Mark Linder, Barbara Jordan, Sara Hensley, Joe Cardinalli, Angel Rios, Nora Pimentel, Esther Mota, Dave Peyton, Captain Jack Farmer, Laura Wells, Sgt. Jim Roach, Captain Chuck Younis, Diane Miller, Maria Le

GUEST: Ric Abeyda

The meeting was convened at 1:34 p.m. The items were heard out of order.

- a. Schools/City Collaborative Joint Use Agreements – Discussion on how we can better work with schools (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services) [Continued from May 12, 2005]

Joe Cardinalli, Deputy Director for Administrative Services, PRNS, gave a brief update and follow up. At the May 12 meeting, staff was directed to continue its report in June.

Joe stated that the Administrative Services Division of PRNS has taken the lead on the joint use agreements with school districts. Staff has developed a cross interdepartmental team consisting of the capital unit, the operating unit, the Community Services Division and the Attorney's Office. Joe stated that the City made an agreement with the San José Unified School District that the City will not be charged for the use of facilities in the daytime until 6 pm. Currently, there are 19 joint use/community recreation agreements, eight of which will expire in December 2005, and 11 that have already expired. Staff is working on renegotiating those agreements that have expired.

**Upon motion of Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Vice Chair Chirco, the Committee accepted the report.**

b. Safe School Campus Initiative Update (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services/  
Police Department)

Angel Rios, Superintendent for PRNS, introduced Ric Abeyda, Chief of Student Services, Eastside Union High School District; Captain Jack Farmer, SJPD; and Esther Mota, PRNS, who oversees the Safe School Campus Initiative (SSCI) Program.

The report focused on four items:

1. The crisis response trends occurring during this school year;
2. The development of the community safety protocol;
3. The linkage between the Safe School Campus Initiative and the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force; and
4. The increased efficiency of the SSCI.

Angel recounted the definition of the three levels of response: Level 1 - 911 emergency response; Level 2 - immediate response to potential threat; and Level 3 - rumor of threat in the future.

Angel reported that during the current school year, Level 1 responses increased by 111%, from 44 to 93. Level 2 responses increased by 36%, from 87 to 118. Level 3 responses decreased by 41%, from 471 last year to 280 this year. SSCI staff attributed this pattern to an increase in the intensity of incidents brought on by the intensified gang tensions in the city. Conflicts escalate to violence much quicker than before, requiring Level 1 and Level 2 responses to suppress and defuse the situation.

Angel also stated that while SSCI addresses violence on or around a school campus, there is a great need for an organized system to respond to violent situations in the rest of San José, including community centers, parks and neighborhoods. The program has hired a consultant to modify and expand the SSCI protocol to cover the needs of the rest of the community. The consultant will also develop a training of trainers to build the capacity of the City to carry out the protocol. These trainings will be provided to PRNS and SJPD personnel, who will be responsible for ongoing training for City staff, key school personnel and community partners. The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) will be used as a vehicle to integrate and train staff and community partners.

The SSCI has been integrated into the MGPTF, which has allowed it to draw support of BEST-funded agencies and other Task Force members in responding to youth violence in San José. As part of the MGPTF restructure, the Technical Team has been divided into four geographic quadrants. Each team has an intentional geographic focus that would enable SSCI teams to develop relationships with other partners who are in the same geographic area. In addition, all MGPTF members and partners will be trained and integrated into one standard crisis response protocol.

With more resources from the MGPTF, the SSCI will focus on its three core responsibilities: 1) keep a steady "pulse" of the gang climate in San José; 2) Provide on-call intervention specialists to defuse tension and mediate conflicts; and 3) link youth and

families to MGPTF partners and resources for follow-up support services. In addition, each SSCI team has been redeployed into HUBs that have the highest rate of youth and gang-related crime. This proximity allows SSCI teams to respond more quickly to occurrences of youth violence. It also allows the teams to become familiar with the neighborhoods and schools they serve.

In conclusion, Angel enumerated the next steps SSCI will take. Staff will create a Community Crisis Response Leadership Team; formalize divisional safety teams; incorporate City parks and community centers; and develop a Community Crisis Response Training Manual. They will use the MGPTF Technical Team as a training base for support and/or response. They will also convene a Community Crisis Response Training Summit, which is being planned for September or October of this year.

Staff has also submitted a grant proposal to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for \$246,000.

Vice Chair Chirco inquired about the hours of the HUBs, and was concerned about how the teen centers can serve the needs of the youth when their hours are being cut due to budget constraints. Vice Chair Chirco requested that staff return to the Committee with a report on how teen centers can be accessible to youth while at the same time facing budget constraints.

**Upon motion of Vice Chair Chirco, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee accepted the report, with direction for staff to return to the Committee with information on the hours community/teen centers can be made accessible to meet the needs of youth.**

c. School Traffic Safety Discussion (Department of Transportation/Police Department)

Laura Wells, Division Manager, Department of Transportation, introduced Sgt. Jim Roach, San José Police Department, who manages the school crossing guard program, and Captain Chuck Younis, special operations commander in the Traffic Enforcement Unit.

Laura Wells explained that the Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Police Department, will look at existing programs and look at ways that they can stay within the budget allocation.

Committee members requested an info memo be submitted to the Mayor and Council that would report on which schools have crossing guards and which are not going to be staffed when school opens in September. Vice Chair Chirco also requested that staff return to the Committee with an update in August.

Captain Younis reported that the Police Department just concluded the Operate Safe Passage Program in April. PD wrote 1800 citations, 400 warnings, 65 impounded cars, and 23 people were arrested. The next one will happen in September.

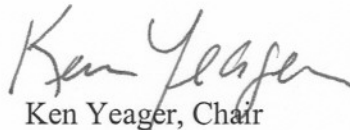
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